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BONN 98, MOSCOW 57.

PARIS FOR EMBASSY AND USRO.

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FONOFF TELEGRAM TO WASHINGTON ON SITUATION CREATED BY
KHRUSHCHEV SPEECH DELAYED BUT WILL PROBABLY GO OUT TODAY. FONOFF
WILL PROPOSE TRIPARTITE CONSULTATION IN BONN. FONOFF OFFICIAL
ARGUED THIS WOULD CONSTITUTE GOVERNMENT TO GOVERNMENT
CONSULTATION JUST AS MUCH AS IF HELD IN ONE OF THREE CAPITALS
(WHERE ONLY DIFFERENCE IS THAT ONE OF THREE REPRESENTATIVES CAN
GET INSTRUCTIONS ON SPOT). HE THOUGHT SPECIAL POWERS OF THREE
AMBASSADORS IN BONN WITH RESPECT BERLIN MADE CONSULTATION THERE
ESPECIALLY APPROPRIATE AND WOULD FACILITATE NEXT STAGE WHICH
WOULD BE CONSULTATION WITH FEDERAL REPUBLIC.

WORKING LEVEL MAINTAINS OBJECTION TO ANY NEW DECLARATION AND
IS PROPOSING RECOMMENDATION THAT THREE POWERS MAKE STRONG
COMMUNICATION TO SOVIETS PRIVATELY.

MEETING WILL BE HELD WITH MOD NOVEMBER 14 TO CONSIDER
POSSIBILITY AIR-LIFT. FONOFF OFFICIAL REMARKED THAT
"OUR PEOPLE IN BONN HAVE PLANS FOR AIR-LIFT BUT NOT CLEAR
THE HAVE EVER BEEN COMMUNICATED TO FEDERAL REPUBLIC".
WORKING LEVEL ALSO HAS STRONG IMPRESSION THAT DEVELOPMENT
POSSIBILITIES RADAR INTERFERENCE SINCE BERLIN BLOCKADE WOULD MAKE
AIR-LIFT MUCH

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AIR-LIFT MUCH MORE DIFFICULT (WHICH APPARENTLY CONTRARY
TO STATEMENT BERLIN'S 320 TO DEPARTMENT THAT WEST BETTER
SITUATED NOW TO CONTEND WITH INTERFERENCE) WITH LIKELIHOOD COULD
ONLY BE CARRIED OUT DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS IN GOOD WEATHER.
FONOFF OFFICIAL COMMENTED (AS TO POSSIBILITIES DIRECT SOVIET
OR GDR INTERFERENCE WITH FLIGHTS) WEST MIGHT BE FORCED TO SAY
THIS WOULD BE CASUS BELLI RPT CASUS BELLI.

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